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About Town Notes

At a regular meeting of Town Council, Friday evening, H. R. Miller, tax collector, submitted a few exonerations, which were accepted. The borough treasurer, W. D. Renninger presented his annual report, showing the financial condition of the borough.

Mr. Harvey S. Moyer and family, of Ironbridge, and Mr. Edward Freed, of Royersford, spent Sunday with Mrs. Kathryn Moyer.

Mr. John A. Heyser, of Eagleville, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Horace Fetterolf, of Pittsburg, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the home of relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister and children spent Sunday in Spring City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slotter attended the funeral of a relative near Colmar, Chester county on Saturday.

Mrs. John Keyser entertained a number of relatives on Sunday in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker Kelly, of Philadelphia, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallman.

Miss Ida Carpenter returned to Collegeville after spending the holidays at the home of relatives near Bedford Springs.

Mrs. Charles Noble, of New York city, is spending some time at the home of Mrs. Noble in town.

Mr. John Heiser, of Philadelphia, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fenton.

Mr. Robert Cardwell, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with relatives in town.

Mr. Louis Muche spent last Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Josephine Chappell has returned home after spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hess in Phoenixville.

Mr. Wallace Bancroft, of Princeton, N. J., visited friends in town last Saturday.

Messrs. Harold Kerschner and Robert Thoma, of Dayton, Ohio, spent several days last week visiting friends about town.

Mrs. J. T. Ebert and Mrs. Adele Miller spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Joseph Machner, of Norristown, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Fie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ludwig spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Allebach at Center Point.

Mrs. J. H. Barrett spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Berron in Philadelphia.

Mrs. William McAllister and Miss Margaret McAllister spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Thomas Hallman entertained the Sewing Circle on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. F. M. Dedaker entertained relatives from Philadelphia on Sunday.

The Collegeville Boy Scouts met and reorganized on Friday evening. Mr. H. P. Tyson was elected scoutmaster and Mr. Guillian Clamer was elected assistant scoutmaster.

Miss Sallie Metka, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Renninger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller and children spent several days last week visiting relatives in New Tripoli.

Dr. G. Leslie Omwake has been confined to the house this week with a severe attack of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Bechtel, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bechtel.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church held a short business meeting in the Sunday school room immediately following the services on Monday evening. They will next meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Landes.

Mrs. Reibert has gone to the Old People's Lutheran Home at Mt. Airy.

Bank Directors Elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Collegeville National Bank was held in the bank building, Tuesday forenoon. Messrs. George Danchow, Abraham H. Tyson, and H. H. Koons served as tellers. The following Directors were re-elected: A. D. Fetterolf, M. B. Linderman, B. F. Steiner, Horace Place, A. C. Landes, F. J. Clamer, John U. Francis, Jr., W. P. Fenton, J. D. Franz, J. T. Haldeman, M. B. Benner, M. B. Schrack, F. W. Gristock, E. S. Moser, Francis Miller.

During the past year more than 600 patients were treated in Charity Hospital, Norristown, and \$50,000 is needed for an addition.

Catharrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catharrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catharrhal deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed it has a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by Catarrh, which is a toxic, laxative and promptly effective. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catharrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c.

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The Death Roll

Mrs. Rosa Dambly.

Mrs. Rosa Dambly died Sunday evening of pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Rosa, wife of Abraham D. Hallman, in Skippack, aged 74 years. Mrs. Dambly was the widow of the late Augustus Dambly, who for many years conducted a German weekly newspaper in Skippack. The surviving children are: John Dambly, of Norristown; B. Witman Dambly, justice of the peace and former Assemblyman; Eugene Dambly, publisher of the Montgomery Transcript; Harry W. Dambly, also of the Transcript, and Rosa, wife of Abraham D. Hallman. Mrs. Dambly's life was one of great usefulness and helpfulness. Her optimistic outlook, even in seasons of distress, was most remarkable and the memory of her happy disposition and of her virtues and good deeds will tarry for many a year in the valley of the Skippack. The funeral will be held on Thursday; all services at Trinity Reformed church, Skippack, at 2:30 p. m. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

Jesse Fronfield.

Jesse Fronfield, for many years a prominent and respected citizen of Norristown, died of a complication of diseases on Saturday at his residence No. 208 Jacoby street. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Anna Evans of Limerick township. Leroy Fronfield is an adopted son. Mr. Fronfield was at one time largely engaged in the flour business, and served several terms as Councilman from the Fourth ward. The funeral (private) was held on Wednesday afternoon. The remains were viewed Tuesday evening, from 7 to 9:30. Interment at the Lutheran cemetery, Trappe; undertaker, F. W. Shalkop.

Susan Bechtel.

Susan Bechtel, widow of the late Josiah R. Bechtel, died on Friday at the home of her son-in-law, Harry Poley of near Linfield, aged 79 years. Funeral on Thursday at 11 a. m. Services and interment at the Limerick Evangelical church and cemetery; undertaker, F. W. Shalkop.

Anna R. Reed.

Anna R. Reed, formerly of Norristown, died on Saturday at the home of her brother-in-law, E. W. Walters, near Trappe, aged 69 years. Funeral on Tuesday. Services and interment at St. Luke's Reformed church and cemetery, Trappe; undertaker, F. W. Shalkop.

Jacob Smith.

Jacob Smith, formerly of Limerick, died on Friday in Philadelphia, aged 78 years. Funeral on Tuesday. Services and interment at St. James' Lutheran church and cemetery, Limerick; undertaker, F. W. Shalkop.

Isaac Hunsberger.

Isaac Hunsberger died on Tuesday at his home in Limerick, aged 79 years. Several children survive. Funeral on Saturday at 10:30, at the house. Further services and interment at St. James' Reformed church and cemetery, Limerick; undertaker, F. W. Shalkop.

Annual Meeting of Mingo Express Horse Company.

The annual meeting of the Mingo Express Horse Company was held at Beckman's hotel, Trappe, Saturday, January 6, 1917, at which time the following officers were re-elected: President, H. H. Fetterolf; secretary, Wilmer C. Hunsicker; assistant secretary, Harry S. Shainline; treasurer, E. G. Brownback. Executive Committee: Daniel Shuler, Wallace Hoyer, and John Ashenfelter.

A Real Estate Transaction.

Elmer Mack has purchased of Abram Gotwald 37 acres of land, without buildings, in the south-western section of Collegeville. With this valuable tract added to his large farm Mr. Mack's farming operations will be considerably increased.

Scalded Boy Died at Charity Hospital

John King, aged seven years, son of Christopher King of Bridgeport, died Friday morning at Charity Hospital, from scalds suffered on Thursday. The lad attempted to lift from the kitchen stove a vessel filled with boiling water, when the vessel tilted and the contents were upset upon him. He was terribly scalded, and there was no hope for his recovery.

Bids for Canal Bridge Rejected.

The County Commissioners last week rejected all bids for the building of the new concrete bridge over the canal at Mont Clare. The bridge was to be adjacent to the new Phoenixville bridge. The bids were all too high. The plans will be modified and new bids will be asked.

An epidemic of grip has invaded Spring City, affecting nearly 200 residents.

Lingering Coughs Are Dangerous

Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, a tonic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for grippe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle to-day at your drugist, 50c.

HISTORICAL CANTATA.

Arrangements have been completed by which the Calvary Church Choir of Conshohocken, numbering fifty voices, will give Gault's historical cantata entitled *Joan d'Arc* in the auditorium of Ursinus College on Thursday evening, January 26. The work describes the story of the ill-fated and martyred French Maid of Orleans, set to music, intensely martial and inspiring in character, abounding in solos and choruses, of pure melodic beauty, and vividly portraying the sad and heroic scenes familiar to French history.

The Calvary Choir, under the direction of Mr. H. Grey Steele, will first render this cantata in Conshohocken three days in advance of their appearance in Collegeville. For these concerts the choir has been in constant training for several months. The soloists selected are the same for both concerts: soprano (part of Joan) Miss Eleanor A. Dougherty; contralto, Mrs. J. Kennedy Moorehouse; baritone, Mr. J. Burnett Holland; tenor, Mr. Burnett Holland; and Mr. Burnett Holland.

The concert has been arranged by the College Faculty as an entertaining and profitable diversion at the close of the mid-year examinations. The proceeds will be devoted to some cause for the alleviation of suffering in connection with the European war. Tickets of admission, fifty cents.

INTERESTING DEBATE AT URSINUS NEXT MONDAY EVENING.

Next Monday evening the second annual debate between Schaff Society and the Zelosophic Society of the University of Pennsylvania will take place in Bomberger Hall at 8 o'clock. The question discussed will be of great interest to every intelligent and patriotic citizen, and should prove of special interest to those in close touch with a college and a college town. Between the speeches, excellent musical numbers will be rendered by members of the Society. Since Ursinus is not a member of any inter-collegiate debating union this debate should prove a great attraction to those in favor of intercollegiate debating and to lovers of wholesome competition. Everyone is cordially invited to be present as the guests of Schaff in Bomberger Hall next Monday evening.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH.

The communion service on Sunday was largely attended, also the service on Sunday evening. There were 204 present in Sunday school. Evangelistic services began on Monday evening with a large attendance and a strong impressive Gospel message by C. B. Alsapach, of Philadelphia, who spoke on "The Good Shepherd Seeking the Lost Sheep."

Rev. C. F. McKee, of Oaks, spoke Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening at 7:30 Dr. E. F. Wiest, of Norristown, will speak on "Neglect and the Penalty for Neglect." Thursday evening at 7:30, Dr. C. B. Alsapach, of Philadelphia; Friday evening at 7:30, Rev. I. F. Wagner, Eagleville; Saturday evening at 7:30, Dr. E. F. Wiest, of Norristown. Program for next week is as follows: Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30, Dr. J. M. S. Leeborg, of Philadelphia; Wednesday evening at 7:30, Dr. J. T. Scott, of Jeffersonville; Thursday and Friday evening at 7:30, Dr. C. B. Alsapach, of Philadelphia; Saturday evening at 7:30 the pastor will preach. Good music, inspiring Gospel messages, everybody invited.

PASTOR.

Celebration of Opening of New Bridge Proposed.

It has been suggested to hold a celebration for the opening of the new inter-county bridge over the Schuylkill river between Mont Clare and Phoenixville, on the anniversary of the date of the fire that destroyed the old covered wooden bridge. It is thought the new bridge will be completed by that time and in readiness for a proper observance of the event.

Sudden Death of Prospective Groom.

Charles Kowe, aged 59 years, of West Conshohocken, went to Philadelphia on Saturday last with his prospective bride, Mrs. Barrett, aged 45 years, and the couple purchased some household furnishings for their new home. They returned on Saturday evening. On Sunday evening Kowe became ill and died suddenly of internal complications.

Assessor Entitled to \$10 Per Day.

Judge Swartz in an opinion handed down decided that Albert Lee, Assessor of Lower Merion township, is entitled to \$10 per day for 90 days' work in 1916, but that he cannot be paid for more than 90 days, although he did work for 115 days. The County Controller had refused to approve the warrant.

The Moon Eclipsed.

There was a total eclipse of the moon between 2 and 2:45 o'clock, Monday morning. It began about 11:30 p. m. and lasted until about 5:30 a. m.

Stiff, Sore Muscles Relieved.

Cramped muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like many ointments or plasters and gets rid of the trouble quickly. Rubbing Liniment over your muscles after exercise, drive out the pain and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, strains, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle to-day. At all druggists, 25c.

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASTORATE OF REV. DR. S. L. MESSINGER AT TRAPPE.

Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., preached his twentieth anniversary sermon as pastor of St. Luke's Reformed church at Trappe on Sunday morning, January 7. His text was Josh. 17:14; and the subject of his discourse was, "Past Help an Argument for Hope and Trust in the Future."

After expounding the text as to its general meaning, he pointed out the fact that it is a church text, it being in the first place an acknowledgment of the whole tribe of Joseph. What the tribe acknowledged when the words of the text were uttered, our church must, in all honesty and sincerity, acknowledge at this moment. The Lord has blessed and helped us as a congregation during the past twenty years. The demand is steadily increasing. A Nurses' Home is an imperative necessity and certain improvements must be made. Also the Hospital carries an indebtedness that should be paid off in order to cancel the annual interest charges. An elevator is greatly needed, as the nurses are at present obliged to carry patients up three flights of stairs to the operating rooms. A modern laundry that will cut the present laundry bills by at least fifty per cent is greatly needed; also other minor improvements. The Homeopathic Hospital has proven by its great work, its right to exist and throughout both counties widespread interest in the project that will place it upon a substantial financial basis is being expressed. Through the activity of the Board of Trustees, the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Executive Council of the campaign, of which W. P. Young is General Chairman, a committee will be organized in Collegeville and the church and parsonage during this period, and additions to the property were acquired. The cemetery was enlarged, and enclosed by a wall. Thirteen years ago the church was completely renovated and rededicated. An Estey pipe organ, costing \$1800, was installed and dedicated. In the past year extensive improvements were made upon the parsonage. During the year 1916, 17 new members were received, and 12 persons were baptized.

St. Luke's church has a long and interesting history. It has been learned from the reports and letters of the Rev. John Philip Boehm, now published in book form, the true date of the founding of the congregation is November 17, 1742. For a number of years, the congregation worshiped in a barn. In 1747 the congregation built a log church on a site in its present cemetery. In 1835 a new stone church edifice was built on the site where the first stood. The present large building was erected in 1874. From its beginning this church has had the services of sixteen pastors, as follows: Rev. John Philip Boehm, 1742-1748; Rev. John Herman Wynekaus, 1748-1757; Rev. Frederick William Vanderloot, Jr., 1813-1818; Rev. Lebrecht Frederick Herman, D. D., 1818-1820; Rev. John C. Guidin, D. D., 1820-1841; Rev. Jacob William Hangen, 1841-1843; Rev. Andrew S. Young, 1843-1844; Rev. John R. Cookin, 1845-1846; Rev. Alfred B. Shenkle, 1847-1867; Rev. H. W. Hishman, D. D., 1867-1869; Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., L. L. D., 1870-1883; Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D., 1884-1886 and 1889-1890; Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., 1886-1889; Rev. Edwin C. Hilsman, 1891-1896. In November, 1896, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., was given a call, and he began his present pastorate on January 1, 1897. This church will celebrate the 175th anniversary of its founding next fall.

COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZED AND MADE RE-APPOINTMENTS.

At their annual meeting on Wednesday, last week, the County Commissioners reorganized by re-electing George Sullivan president. On account of illness, which he has suffered for several months, Mr. Sullivan was not present at the meeting. The Commissioners re-appointed their clerks, all the transcribers and other employees about the court house.

Two days after the quarantine for diphtheria had been lifted from the home of Frank Grater, Royersford, his son, Frank, Jr., was stricken with the disease—the fourth member of the family so afflicted within six months.

Worms Fasil, Removed.

Mother, if your child whines, is fretful and cries out in sleep, he is probably suffering from worms. These parasites drain his vitality and make him more susceptible to serious diseases. Quickly and safely kill and remove the worms from your child's system with Kickapoo Worm Killer. This pleasant candy laxative in tablet form quickly relieves the trouble and your child brightens up. Get Kickapoo Worm Killer at your drugist, 25c.

\$25,000 TO BE RAISED FOR HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Business men of Montgomery and Chester counties will join hands with the business men of Pottstown and the trustees and staff physicians of Homeopathic Hospital the last week of this month in a two-county movement to raise \$25,000 for the Hospital. This campaign was decided upon at an important conference of business and professional men held at Pottstown Y. M. C. A. on Monday evening. The direction of the campaign will be in the hands of an Executive Council made up of thirty business and professional men representing every town in the two counties. The canvass will be carried on by 100 Pottstown men and committees of from ten to thirty in the other towns. The campaign will be preceded by a big Publicity Campaign which will reach every nook and corner of the two counties. Headquarters have been established at 319 High street, Pottstown, and the demand is steadily increasing. A Nurses' Home is an imperative necessity and certain improvements must be made. Also the Hospital carries an indebtedness that should be paid off in order to cancel the annual interest charges. An elevator is greatly needed, as the nurses are at present obliged to carry patients up three flights of stairs to the operating rooms. A modern laundry that will cut the present laundry bills by at least fifty per cent is greatly needed; also other minor improvements. The Homeopathic Hospital has proven by its great work, its right to exist and throughout both counties widespread interest in the project that will place it upon a substantial financial basis is being expressed. Through the activity of the Board of Trustees, the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Executive Council of the campaign, of which W. P. Young is General Chairman, a committee will be organized in Collegeville and the church and parsonage during this period, and additions to the property were acquired. The cemetery was enlarged, and enclosed by a wall. Thirteen years ago the church was completely renovated and rededicated. An Estey pipe organ, costing \$1800, was installed and dedicated. In the past year extensive improvements were made upon the parsonage. During the year 1916, 17 new members were received, and 12 persons were baptized.

ORPHANS' COURT ADJUDICATIONS.

Judge William F. Solly, of the Orphans' Court, has filed adjudications in the following estates, balances for distribution being given: Samuel Carl, East Greenville, \$2083.22.

Martha W. Barr, Conshohocken, \$781.48, to Sarah M. Bowker.

William A. Boyle, Lower Merion, \$4000.71, to William M. Boyle.

Marie Albert, Rockledge, \$3094.57, divided equally among Annie Guthrie and Paul and Carl Leissinger.

Harry J. Abenschem, Lansdale, \$848.65.

J. Morris Leapson, Jr., late minor, son of Benjamin J. Leapson, \$5.15.

Melvin C. Haldeman, late minor, son of Isaac H. Haldeman, \$1211.48.

John S. Frankenberg, \$1343.69.

Mary McGhee, Upper Providence, no balance.

Ellis C. Yocum, West Pottsgrove, \$149.62.

John G. Treichler, late minor, son of John S. Treichler, \$245.58.

Anna J. Somers, Moreland, \$2726.

Sophia Place, Norristown, \$225.75, which is awarded to Elizabeth Place.

STATUTES TO BE STRICKEN FROM BOOKS BY LEGISLATURE.

Bills providing for striking off of close to 1000 obsolete and useless laws from the statute books are being prepared at the State Legislature. In all probability there will be grouping of old laws according to subjects, so that all of the same class will be under a similar heading. There may be fifty or sixty such bills, all depending upon the number of bills to be repealed. No attempt will be made to repeal any bills except those which have been declared unconstitutional by the courts, which have been repealed, but not stricken from the books, which have been superseded or duplicated.

Commissioners Decide to Pay Salaries Instead of Fees.

The County Commissioners on Saturday dispensed with the fee system in paying the transcribers and made the salary \$1500 per annum. Heretofore the transcribers had been paid on various scales, by the page, word or book. The transcribers are Harold Bechtel, of Pottstown; Charles O'Neill, George Yeakel and Stanley Drake, of Norristown. The salary plan means a slight increase in pay.

The Spring City Reformed church has organized an association to raise \$1500 to improve the church and Sunday school.

NEGLECT FOR BABIES; CARE FOR CALVES.

The average calf or colt receives more intelligent care than the baby of our own flesh and blood.

Why should this be so in this highly civilized country of ours, where the people are naturally affectionate and kind? In the first place, it is due to the psychological attitude of many of the parents. They seem to take it for granted that anything called by the name of "food" will, if administered in regular three-times-a-day portions, sustain the lives of children satisfactorily.

They don't stop to think that you need something besides a name to make real food. The result of this is that we see every day many little children, stunted in stature and with soft, weak muscles, all because of a want of well-balanced diet. Many of these little ones for instance, have been fed regularly on bread and molasses, and thus missed entirely fat and albumen. Such children have little or no resistance to disease and often fall victims to tuberculosis.

That is because their parents did not know that a mixed diet is necessary to supply the different parts of the anatomy, and to supply the heat and other elements that are needed to carry on properly the work of the body. But those same people know what their domestic animals need to eat and see that they get it.

Some parents go still further and permit their children to select their own food. There was a time in the remote age of the ancestors of man, when this might have been safe. In those days humans participated to a degree in the animal instinct to avoid harmful food. We have completely lost it nowadays, and if we let our children select their own food, we place them at a distinct disadvantage beside the colt or calf already mentioned, for the youngest animal shares its elders' instinct to differentiate between the poisonous and non-poisonous products of nature.

Who is going to do anything for the babies? The colt and the calf do not need any help, we have decided, but who will teach the parents a little of the things they should know about their children, and don't?

There is somebody to teach these parents about the colts and calves they own, and even the little pigs, if they don't happen to know. Our national government has undertaken the task and its Department of Agriculture has a man at the head who sits in the President's cabinet. He has Congress appropriate large sums of money to teach farmers how to feed and care for new-born colts, cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, and all the other stock. But our national government does not seem to have thought about the babies. There is no Department of Health at Washington, and at Cabinet meetings the babies have no representative, though pigs do.

What we need is that more of the composition and values of foodstuffs should be taught in our schools and that a Federal Department of Health should be established to look after humankind as well as the animals are looked after. Then we would not see on our farms puny, half-starved children and beautifully developed Jersey, Guernsey and Swiss cows, and Percheron, Clydesdale and Hackney horses in the pink of condition, which has been obtained by following instructions given by the Department of Agriculture of the United States.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

STATE'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS VOTED ON TUESDAY.

Pennsylvania's Presidential electors, chosen at the November election to vote for Hughes and Fairbanks, met in the State Capitol Tuesday and went through the procedure which has been the rule since the electors began to meet in Harrisburg about 100 years ago.

Thirty-eight electors sat and the first duty after the call to order was to choose men to take places of electors who could not be there. Absent electors were accorded the privilege of suggesting substitutes. The meeting was held in the hall of the House of Representatives. After organization and voting one person was chosen to take the official returns to Washington, one person to take them to the nearest Federal Judge, who is Judge C. B. Witmer, at Sunbury, and one person to mail them at the Harrisburg post office.

The electors were allowed three cents per mile traveled and \$3 a day as compensation.

6000 Quail for Pennsylvania.

Six thousand quail, caught in Mexico, are on their way to Pennsylvania for distribution next spring in all parts of the State. A year ago the State Game Commission sent a representative to Mexico to get the quail but he returned empty-handed. Seth Gordon, of Highspire, a clerk for the commission, said he could get the birds and he was sent South. Gordon went into Mexico, and after getting permission to enter the United States through Eagles Pass, Texas, brought back the birds. The quail were placed in a specially chartered car, which will be run to Pittsburgh. The quail will be kept and fed until spring, when they will be left loose in the woods of all quarters of the state.

News From Trappe

Mrs. Annie Ray, of Springfield, Mass., while visiting her daughter in Reading, made a short journey to this place, where she spent a few days with her friends.

Mrs. Wengold and son, of Kenilworth, Mr. and Mrs. Nagel, of Pottstown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weyant.

Mr. Peter Weyant is improving slowly and is now able to be about in his room.

The Firemen's fair began on Saturday evening with a good attendance. The fair will be held on Thursday and Saturday evenings through the month of January.

Mr. Ira Saylor, of Conshohocken, spent Sunday with J. C. Kellar.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Rambo, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Jane G. Rambo.

Mr. Adam Weaver is now engaged in painting the Grangers' Hall.

The Trappe Fire Company expects to have its guests on Saturday evening at their fair the Oaks Fire Company and the Friendship Hook and Ladder Company of Royersford.

The annual meeting of St. Luke's Sunday School Association was held on Wednesday evening, January 8. After reports of officers, teachers, and committees, there followed the annual election of officers. R. F. Wismer, Esq., was re-elected Superintendent, and John S. McHarg was elected assistant superintendent.

Then followed the re-election of Herman W. Mathieu, secretary; Perry W. Mathieu, treasurer; E. Fry Wismer, Esq., chorister; C. A. Wismer, assistant chorister; Miss Catharine H. Knapp, organist; Miss Cynthia G. Messinger, assistant organist; Abram B. Walker, assistant secretary; Mark G. Messinger, librarian; Mrs. John B. Ashenfelter, superintendent of the Home Department; Miss Nellie A. Messinger, superintendent of the Home Department; and Miss Marion Grater, assistant in the Primary Department.

Andrew R. Willard was elected assistant librarian. There have just been organized a young women's Bible class and an adult Bible class. The school has recently purchased about three hundred new books for its library. On Monday afternoon of this week was held the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees.

REFORMATION SUNDAY.

Reformation Sunday will be observed in Reformed churches throughout the country on January 21 with special services of thanksgiving for the blessings conferred upon the world by the Protestant Reformation, and addresses upon the value of religious education for the young.

Speakers will emphasize the fact that upon the Sunday schools of the nation rests the task of evangelizing America.

The Reformed church is raising a fund of \$100,000 for an extension of Sunday school work in this Reformation anniversary year, and in many churches special offerings for this fund will be made on Reformation Sunday. Committees of men and women will canvass the congregations to secure five dollar participating shares.

Many Sunday schools will contribute \$100 to the endowment fund. Others will give \$200, and it is expected that some will give \$500.

The campaign will continue until April.

In connection with the plan to increase the enrollment of each Sunday school 20 per cent, in this Sunday School Increase Campaign, it is anticipated that the enrollment of Reformed Sunday schools throughout the country will jump from 350,000 to 400,000.

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COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.
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THE FACTIONAL FRACAS AT HARRISBURG.

The Republican politico-factional fracas at Harrisburg, last week, ended in a victory for U. S. Senator Penrose. If there is any glory attached to the victory it belongs to the Senator. The figure cut by Governor Brumbaugh invited both pity and contempt. His latest effort at cleansing the Republican party of the State resulted disastrously to his ambition. Such cleansing as is needed, or such cleansing as will be done, will have to be the work of the old-line guards. That policy, and the future political requirements of the Republican party, will prompt something of a showing is more than probable.

But what has become of all the charges of political venality and perfidy so dangerously heralded by both factions while the fracas was in progress? What is to become of the threat of impeachment proceeding against the Governor? Will the scandal probe flourished by a Democratic member of the House from Berks be laid away with a sundry lot of good intentions that never materialized at Harrisburg? Here's a guess: Penrose has won his battle; he is now looking to the future of his party in the State. If promises of good behavior from the Governor and his crowd are sufficient, Penrose will rather await further developments than put the party ship in more danger. He will float, and all of the wickedness announced from the housetops prior to the culmination of the fracas will be put in light pickle. And Governor Brumbaugh will not demand the investigation of the charge that he was guilty of perjury in swearing to a false statement of campaign expenses. His confidence that his conduct has been above reproach will outweigh his desire for investigation. The Legislature will not be likely to insist upon such investigation and the Governor will remain in a state of comfortable confidence that his "conduct has been above reproach." If the State of Pennsylvania can afford not to have the charge of perjury investigated, the Governor might as well continue to congratulate himself upon the exalted character of his conduct.

THANKS Daddy Moser for your learned answer with reference to Brother Bryan. We understand thee perfectly. And yet, if we dared, we would ask thee one question, namely: In regard to "Reason"—is prayer "reasonable" or is it only a form of "superstition." But we dare not ask the question. It is not fair.

The above is from editor George Lutz of Town and Country. How clever! How suggestive! How considerate, adroit, and delicate! It makes me smile. However, if my dear, talented friend up the valley will define the term "prayer" I may "dare" to attempt to determine how much, if any, of that which is "reasonable" can be fairly associated with editor Lutz's definition. I must have a starting point in the matter of elucidation. A definition of the term "prayer" from editor Lutz's theological view-point might well be worth some consideration.

THE recommendations contained in Governor Brumbaugh's message to the Assembly include: The conservation of the State's natural resources, and a comprehensive plan for utilizing its water power by the construction of large reservoirs; the enactment of a county local option law; the reduction of hours of labor; the appropriation of \$9,000,000 annually for the maintenance of the public school; immediate abolition of all toll roads; co-operation with the National Government for the improvement of agricultural interests; resubmission to the voters of the amendment of providing for female suffrage.

GOVERNOR WILLIS, of Ohio, says: "My brief experience as a State official has convinced me that Ohio is over-officed, and over-inspected, and that the people and business of Ohio are being inspected to death." But, Ohio is not the only State on the map. Pennsylvania is also rushing headlong toward the millennium of human perfection and happiness by process of law—when all the fools not in legislative halls will be dead!

FOLLOWING is from an interview with Senator Penrose: "It cannot be denied," replied Senator Penrose when asked to be specific as to the acts of the Governor, which would be put under probe, "that Governor Brumbaugh failed to account for a large sum of money during his campaign, being some \$30,000, more or less, as I remember. These transactions include the Oliver check, a large fund contributed by Mr. Kolb and others, together with other campaign contributions personally received and never accounted for. In this connection the Governor committed perjury, violated the corrupt practices act and is amenable to the penalties provided by the law. Men have been removed from office in Pennsylvania after election for violations of the corrupt practices act much less important than those of which Dr. Brumbaugh is guilty. His open and reckless use of the patronage of the State departments to persuade and intimidate members of the Legislature in the session of 1915 and in the present Speakership contest clearly brings him and his assistants within the scope of the law on bribery, and render him clearly liable to indictment before a Grand Jury."

If Governor Brumbaugh was not confidently confident of the irreproachable character of his conduct, he might denounce Penrose as a monstrous liar and challenge investigation! How reassuring is confidence!

THE following paragraph and comment thereon is from the Ohio State Journal:

"In order to prove that the cost of living has not reached every part of the country, Borea College, in the Kentucky mountains, is responsible for the statement that its 1400 students are fed at a cost of 7 cents a meal, that they gained 'several tons' in weight and that the boarding hall made a net gain of \$559.49."

This shows that the quantity of food needed is a matter of management. It is a question for the head and not for the stomach. It is astonishing how little a person needs to live on. Connected with this is another curious thing, and that is that one gains in weight as he eats less. Of course, this is only up to a certain point. But there is no doubt this nation would gain several million tons in weight if it ate less and at the same time gain in joy and health.

It is happy to eat, but it is sorrow to eat more than one actually needs. A big, costly dinner is like a man setting fire to his own house.

THE Kansas City Times is of the opinion that there is just about as much danger of the United States becoming "militaristic" by giving a few months training to all its young men as there is for an office clerk to get the bug of being a prize fighter by taking 15 minutes systematic exercise every day.

RESPECTING the "literary test" humbug the Indianapolis Star says: If the literary test had been in force from the beginning many of our most prominent Senators and Representatives would be in the trenches of Europe to-day.

FROM Indianapolis News: According to Dr. Hurty, the people of Indiana are living 9.4 years longer now than they were 15 years ago. Therefore, they are eating more—9.4 years more. Hence the increased cost of living. Perfectly simple!

STRAW FOR FERTILITY

Practice of Burning Piles After Threshing Is Wasteful.

Sells In Many Sections Would Be Greatly Benefited by Addition of Fertilizing Constituents Present in Stalks.

From the time the prairies were first cultivated up to a year or so ago it was the general custom to burn the piles of straw which dotted the fields after the fall threshing. In fact, it is yet a very common practice and a very wasteful one.

It is an established fact that organic matter is essential for soil fertility. No one disputes the fact that our prairie soils are already rich in this essential, but in many sections the soils would be greatly benefited by the addition of the fertilizing constituents which are present in the straw.

Hopkins of Illinois gives the value of oat straw for manure purposes at \$3.30 per ton. Wheat straw is valued at \$2.50 per ton. The same relative comparison gives the value of fresh farm manure at \$2.22 and barnyard manure at \$2.34 per ton. Anyone who destroys a ton of wheat or oat straw, therefore, destroys more fertilizing elements than are contained in the average farm manure.

The best method of handling straw is to feed it to stock and return the manure to the land. Thus it serves a double purpose—fodder and manure. When fed to horses or cattle on a maintenance ration or those doing comparatively little work, straw is considered by Hoard's Dairyman to be from one-half to two-thirds the value of good clover and timothy hay. The manure from one ton of wheat straw is worth \$1.52, and that from a ton of oat straw is worth \$2.34. Thus the wastefulness of burning straw is evident.

When sufficient live stock is not kept, however, to use all of the straw in this way, the straw can be returned directly to the land. It may be spread and plowed under or used as a top dressing on grain or pasture.

QUALITY IS MOST ESSENTIAL

Greatest Profit Can Be Expected Only From Live Stock of the Very Highest Grade.

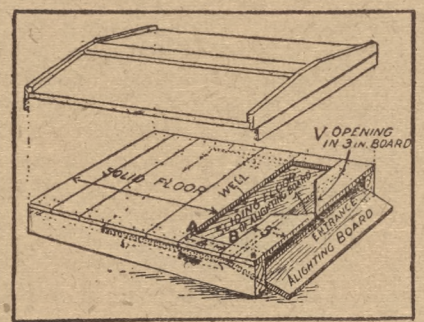
(By E. A. TROWBRIDGE.) Quality becomes more essential to profit in live stock farming each season. When labor, land, and feed were cheap it was possible to realize a profit on live stock of an inferior grade, but with the present high cost of these production factors and a constant discrimination on the market against the "scrub," it has become evident that the greatest profit can be expected only from live stock of good quality. It may be possible for the feeder or dealer to make a profit on inferior live stock if he is able to buy it sufficiently cheap and sell quickly, but usually someone has not realized the greatest possible profit when a "scrub" goes to market. If it is not the feeder, it is the man who produced the animal.

ALIGHTING BOARD FOR BEES

Writer in Gleanings of Bee Culture Describes Device He Uses Successfully on Hives.

A short time ago someone described a floor-board which provided an entrance under the hive, and thus entirely eliminated the porch. The only notice taken of it was by one beekeeper, who said that an entrance under the hive could not be watched against clogging up, etc. I will describe the board I invented some years ago and still use, says a writer in Gleanings of Bee Culture.

The main floor of the hive is composed of boards of the right length



Floor-Board Under Hive.

nailed across battens on edge, say three inches by one. The front board is only three inches wide, and between this and the next is a space of four inches, after which the boarding to the back is solid. Of course the "well" thus made is protected at the sides by pieces of the same thickness nailed on to the battens. The front board has a V-shaped piece cut out from the underside to half its width, the point of the V to the front. The alighting board slides close under this floor on ledges nailed to the battens.

DON'T RAISE CROP OF WEEDS

Expensive Plants to Have in Garden or Anywhere Else—Use Plant Food and Moisture.

Weeds are expensive things to have in gardens or anywhere else; they rob garden crops of food and moisture, many of them are natural food for all kinds of insects, which when they have devoured the choice parts of weeds attack adjacent garden crops.

FEED COW IN WINTER

Important That Milk-Flow be Kept Up in Cold Weather.

Dairyman Who Gets Best Results Feeds Clover, Alfalfa or Cowpea Hay for Roughness—Include Corn in Ration.

(By C. H. ECKLES, Missouri College of Agriculture.) The best results with milk cows demands that the milk flow be kept up during the winter as well as during the remainder of the year. A herd that is allowed to drop in this particular when winter comes on not only lowers its profit at that time, but is hard to bring back when winter is over. Reports received by the dairy department of the Missouri agricultural experiment station show that average cows in the best-managed herds of the state often produce two or three times as much butter during the year as does the average herd.

This difference results largely from the fact that these herds continue high in their milk production during the winter. A good milk flow results largely from

careful feeding, although shelter and other phases of management are also important. The man who is getting poor results is usually feeding timothy hay, corn fodder, and corn, and perhaps not getting even of these. The man who is getting good results has learned that such a ration will not enable a cow to produce milk enough to make it profitable. It is not necessary to buy large quantities of expensive feed to make a good ration, as it can all be grown on the farm. If the proper ration is not at hand, however, it will usually pay to buy something suitable, or possibly trade some of the feeds on hand for others which will give better results.

The man who gets good results with cows feeds clover, alfalfa, or cowpea hay for the roughness, takes care that the cows have plenty of it, and, if he has some corn fodder, feeds some



Fine Guernsey Cow.

of this in addition during the day. If hay of this class is fed, it is all right to feed a considerable quantity of corn for grain.

The feeds which are generally fed in this section may be divided into two classes. The first includes those lacking in protein. They are used mainly to produce fat and do not have protein enough for milk production. In this class we have corn, corn fodder, timothy hay, straw, millet and sorghum. The second class of feeds includes those which contain more protein to supply the food necessary to produce milk. In this class we have clover, cowpea and alfalfa hay, bran, oats, cottonseed and linseed meal. A good daily ration will include feeds from both of these classes and it is impossible to make a suitable ration by feeding those in the first class only. A good ration for a cow producing from 24 to 28 pounds of milk per day, would be all she would eat of clover or cowpea hay and for grain from five to six pounds bran or oats. Another fairly good ration for an ordinary cow is all she will eat of alfalfa or cowpea hay and eight to twelve pounds of corn. Still another would be clover hay, as before, corn six to nine pounds, and cottonseed meal, two pounds per day. These rations will be improved in every case by feeding corn silage.

CLOVER AND ALFALFA FEEDS

Farmer With Supply of These Two Crops Has Sure Thing in Dairy Part of His Industry.

The farmer with dairy cows who has a supply of clover or alfalfa has a sure thing in the dairy part of his industry, if he will use the feed right and take good care of his cows this winter. A dairy ration of ten pounds of alfalfa and the same amount of clover hay and about 30 pounds of silage, along with such grain feed as corn and corn meal he can make with his own farm mill; about ten pounds daily in three feeds per day will be sufficient.

GOOD SEEDBED IS ESSENTIAL

Every Small Depression in Field Must Be Filled Up and Ridges Lowered For Best Results.

A good seedbed is necessary for the proper reception of the bluegrass seed. It is best to provide one, even if it is at the expense of time, which is also a factor when the season is late. Every small depression in the bluegrass field must be filled up, the ridges made low, all of which can be done admirably well by the use of harrow and disk. To sow bluegrass and get best results, the aim should be to make the ground like an onion bed.

EXISTS ONLY IN MEMORY

"Little Red Schoolhouse" Is Now One of the Things That Belong to the Past.

"The little red schoolhouse" was a rallying cry in more than one national political campaign of recent years, and a government bulletin issued a week or so ago had a long article about the insular conditions of "the little red schoolhouse." We are warned to preserve intact "the little red schoolhouse" to clean up and scrub out and paint "the little red schoolhouse," and so on.

And, notwithstanding all this propaganda about it, who in this part of the country has ever seen or knows of the existence of a "red schoolhouse." It is not a red schoolhouse, it is a red brick! The phrase is intended to embrace schoolhouses in the country districts; but there is hardly a red country schoolhouse in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, or any western state. Most of the buildings are white, some are of no color at all, except a weather-beaten silver gray, and there are a few log schoolhouses, and maybe somewhere there is a red one.

Possibly there are a few scattering red schoolhouses in the country districts of New England and the East. That is where the phrase "little red schoolhouse" originated. With true Yankee thrift they painted them red, just as they painted their barns, red, because red was the cheapest kind of paint. The country boys and girls of a century ago and later were taught in little red schoolhouses, and the phrase "little red schoolhouse" crept into print and the oratory of the hustlers. To say that a man was graduated from the little red schoolhouse meant that he was a self-made man who began at the grass roots.

To speak or write of the preservation of the little red schoolhouse meant a reference to those homely virtues and simple tastes of the country, free and unhampered by oppression of either church or state. And the slogan, "little red schoolhouse," has come down to us and is a part of the language, long after the little red schoolhouse has disappeared.

KEEP ON COLLECTING HEADS

In Spite of Strenuous Efforts to Wipe Out Barbarous Custom, It Continues in Existence.

The head-hunting Igorotes of Luzon, whom Uncle Sam has almost broken of this bad habit, are not the only savages in the world who delight in collecting specimens of the heads of their enemies. The head-hunters of the great island of Borneo are so given to the practice that, so far, nothing has

even come to make them give it up, and villages will make war on each other for the express purpose of "getting heads with which to decorate their houses."

In Java and Sumatra, also, there are tribes of head-hunters, who carry on their savage warfare continually, fighting more for the sake of taking heads than for any other reason.

In the little-known regions of eastern Peru and Ecuador there exists a race of Indians who kill their enemies with poisoned darts shot out of blowguns, and these also are head-hunters. They not only cut off the head of a fallen enemy as a trophy, but they cure it by a secret process after removing the bones, and it shrinks until it is not larger than a doubled-up fist.

The Peruvian and Ecuadorian governments have forbidden the sale of these heads, in which the Indians used to do a considerable business with strangers, and have made laws against head-hunting, but the wild Indians with the blow-guns and poisoned darts do not care much about laws, and still pursue their revolting practice.

Precious Library.

Mr. G. M. Bowman of Logie, Fife, Scotland, proprietor of the entitled North Fife estate of Logie, who recently died, possessed a library under a most particular injunction for its preservation. It consists of many valuable editions of the classics and a valuable collection of engravings, and under the entail the heir is prohibited from lending the books, but is bound to keep a suitable room for the library in his house, and to allow free access to it to the neighboring gentlemen there to read and study. He is also bound to have a basin with water and a towel that the books may not be soiled with unclean hands, and women and children are expressly prohibited from having access to the library.

Czar's Strenuous Life.

Although the czar of Russia is not, like the kings of Italy and Belgium, in the fighting line, he is leading as strenuous and useful a life as either of them. For a year he has been living in a small house, from which he and his staff direct the movements of his vast armies. He lives almost as simply as the peasant of his soldiers, rises at six o'clock every morning, and works, with intervals only for his meals and an occasional walk or motor ride, often until the small hours of the morning. He seldom gets more than four hours' sleep, and declares he was never more fit or happy in his life.

What Fire Costs. The value of property lost by fire in the United States in the last two years overshadows the cost of the Panama canal. It exceeds the total cost of maintaining the army and navy for the same period. And the \$200,000,000 property loss is only half of the story. There was \$200,000,000 more spent for maintaining fire-fighting equipment.

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FOOLISH TO LOSE TEMPER

New York Newspaper Gives Some Good Advice to Girls Who Must Work for a Living.

A great many persons are given to bawling the fact that so many girls go out into the world of business to earn their living these days. But why isn't this business life a good training in character as well as a help toward financial independence?

You who are at work in an office or shop or a wholesale house or wherever you may be engaged in capturing a weekly salary know very well that you cannot give way to your faults as easily or with the same impunity as at home.

That's the question of temper. If you are quick-tempered and apt to fly out when you are crossed or opposed you will find it difficult to keep a good job. You must learn to keep your temper, and to keep it under considerable provocation at times.

The girl who flies into a rage or who turns sulky when she is reprimanded or when the work piles up on her, or when she falls out with some other employee, the girl who runs to the manager with constant complaints, is under a handicap. If she has any ambition she will soon realize the fact and set herself to cure it. Her position is of too great importance to her to throw it away because of a hasty temper. At home she knows that her temper no matter how much she gives way, but her place at desk or counter or showroom can be filled very soon with another and wiser woman if she does not learn to manage herself properly.—New York Telegram.

FRANCE KEPT FAMOUS CLOCK

Not Even to Oblige Lord Kitchener Would Briand Give Up Timepiece That Was Historic.

It is a well-known fact that Lord Kitchener was an enthusiastic collector and that he rarely lost an occasion of adding to his treasures and his trophies, says the Boston Evening Transcript.

The Paris Times sustains that Briand had a hard struggle to keep the famous clock that hangs in the salle de l'horloge at the foreign office. The clock in question had been sent by a king of France to an Indian

prince who had rendered noteworthy service in a struggle between England and France.

The ship that contained the royal gift was sunk by the English and for many years the famous timepiece remained at the bottom of the sea in territorial Indian waters.

"Then," said Kitchener, when he heard the story, "the clock really belongs to England, since it remained so long a time in our waters."

Aristide Briand, who was well acquainted with the mania of his distinguished guest, made such a brilliant legal defense of the right of the French to retain the historic clock that Kitchener taking leave of him laughing said: "At least you might send it to me at the close of the war as a souvenir of our victory."

Aid to Reforestation. The work of reforestation will be greatly facilitated by the recent invention of a machine by which seedlings may be placed in the ground with great rapidity. The new machine has been in use by the United States government engaged in the work of planting some deforested regions in the far West, and so far it has every indication of proving a success. It is drawn by two horses and operated by three men, one driving while the other two handle the plants, seeing that they are properly fed into the machine. A furrow is made as the machine passes along and there is an indicator, which may be set according to the character of the trees being planted, and it accurately gauges the distance between the plantings. After the plant has been placed in the ground by the machine, the roots are thoroughly covered by the passage of two broad-tired wheels. In this manner from 10,000 to 15,000 have been planted in a day, whereas the capacity of the human planter is from 1,200 to 1,500 per day.

To Clean Glass.

Finely cut potato parings and ammonia will clean the inside of a carafe.

Optimist. "Well, I certainly prefer a big muzzie like mine to a little one like Fido's,"—Life.

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One Fateful Night

By Genevieve Ulmar

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Our darling appeared at the open doorway of our humble little sitting room radiant and lovely, as if some peerless damoiselle of a foreign court of a century since. It was like an exquisite portrait infused with living grace stepping suddenly from its frame.

"How do I look?" questioned the beautiful creature, and she curtsied, well becoming the antique dress she wore, beribboned and furbelowed, as accorded with the character she was to assume at the great Walworth ball.

She held a dainty mask between the tips of her delicate fingers. The tiny patches on her cheek and chin only emphasized her rare sparkling loveliness.

"Angela, you are a dream, a fairy vision!" low-breathed her fond uncle, my husband, and he feasted his eyes upon her.

My own eyes were humid and my lips trembled. They strove to hold back that which was my mind. Alas!—yet neither that—for, as the enterprise turned out, a villain received his just desserts and the tender chord of true love became sentient with new tender strains. Then there was a jangle at the old door bell and Angela was gone in the village cabriolet, on her way to the big mansion at the other end of the town.

I sighed, not from relief. All along, since the day a week previous when the strangely suspected invitation had come, my heart had misgiven me. We were poor, humble folks and had never known the proud and wealthy Walworths, except from rumor and an occasional passing salutation on the street. Then, too, they were birds of passage only. For two months in the summer they sojourned, as now, at Rayercroft. Of their other life in the city, where their home was said to be a palace, all was luxury and revelry, too, the gossip said. Angela longed for one insight into that unreal fashion.



"How Do I Look?"

lonable life. I feared for the soil of her mind, contented nature. The recalled my own early girlish longings and we strained our restricted purse to send her to the one grand function of her life.

"I wonder why they sent the invitation?" I murmured for the hundredth time, and Joel, straightening up with dignity, said, vaingloriously:

"We are a hundred years older in the country than the Walworths. As to Angela, she will be the peerless one among them all, and that without diamonds and other gewgaws."

"Then," he at his toilette, and I feigning to crochet, read the face of the clock and knew we must be patient until the hour had well-nigh traversed its full circle. I was musing all the slow hours. I thought of Reuben Thwaite, the fiancé of Angela. I wondered that he had never said "may" to the importunities of our sweet home flower, the idol of his honest, brave heart, to have one full sight of the higher social world. We never dreamed that we were, indeed, sending Angela into an exile which would cure her forever of her longings to mix with "brave men and fair women."

Angela arrived at Walworth Hall, to be received by Miss Helena Walworth with especial welcome. An evening escort, it seemed, had already been selected for her. He was introduced as Colonel Lionel Dexter. He was young and handsome, but broader view would have traced the earmarks of a man of full worldly education. He was attired as a cavalier and from the start he dazzled our eyes.

She took her part well as the character she represented, and allowed the badinage and vaporous flattery of her escort as a license common to the occasion of a masked ball. The young "Colonel" was all attention. He devoted himself exclusively to attendance upon his partner of the evening. When they passed out into the extensive moonlit grounds of the place he became ardent and oppressive in his protestations of devotion, almost alarming Angela, although she maintained perfect courtesy, dazzled, yet counting it all as the ways of such functions.

They were seated on a rustic bench, quite some distance from the colored lanterns of the near garden of the grounds, when the colonel removed his mask, and her own as well. Then, in English language, he told her of his love, of the fortune he had to lay at her feet.

Angela drew away from him abashed. He sought to fold her in his arms. He pressed her lips. Angela, horrified, thought of her real true love—and fainted!

Of that real, true love, our cherished Reuben Thwaite, let me interpolate a word of his noble, manly nature. He lived at a lodge built by his own hands, four miles down the river road. Once he had gone to the city, to sticken of its fetid air and false ways, to long for the woods, the streams, the hills, to come back glad, happy to direct his little farm along scientific lines and prepare a home for his heart's darling.

ingenuity, however, and at once summoned a lurking aid, who came at his call, and they bore her to an automobile that had been held in waiting all the evening.

As we knew later, the miscreant hoped to captivate her by his love appeals, his boast of fortune. He was plotting to marry her, why, we knew later. And now, helpless, he was carrying her to a captivity where he could force her to become his wife.

At that hour of Reuben's return to his home after a search for some night game in the swamp when, nearing the road, a scream, a woman's scream, rang out. It proceeded from the lips of his love, recovering and realizing that she was being kidnapped.

He was down at the road level as the machine sped by. He would know her voice amid a myriad, and he knew it now! It was an unerring aim in that clear moonlight. Bang! bang! the two hind tires of the machine collapsed like balloons as he fired. In one flashing minute, he was rammed to the automobile, he knew all. He reached in for the cringing colonel. He dragged him out into the road, warning the chauffeur to keep his distance or it would be the worse for him.

"Take off your coat like a man, or I will fling you into that ditch!" rang out the true, vibrating tones.

A mere play of combat the doughty colonel put up. The victim of a thorough trouncing, he slouched down the road, and Reuben brought Angela home.

It was a few days later when we learned the motive of the colonel. He had secretly heard of "Miss Angela Ward," unconscious heiress to an estate in litigation, but our Angela was not the lady in question.

"I am glad! glad!" sobbed Angela, safe in her true lover's arms, "for I want no wealth, or fashion, or all that—only you, and the dear old lodge that is to be our happy, happy home!"

WAS A SPECIALIST ON FLIES

Customer Knew Just How Barber Could Get Rid of the Pests That Annoyed Him.

"Yes, sir," said Pluckem, the barber. "A dollar and ninety cents, please."

"Great Caesar's grandmother's ghost!" exclaimed Sharpener Hee as he stepped from the tree. "Would you mind itemizing?"

"Not at all," said Pluckem, agreeably. "Forty cents for a haircut, 60 for a shave, 50 for singe and 40 for a tonic."

"Oh, hem," murmured Hee, and paid over the \$1.90 while his eyes wandered up toward the ceiling, where 1,000 flies were singing and playing leapfrog.

"Any if terrible," said the barber, apologetically. "I'd give a good deal to know how to keep 'em out."

"Would you give me my \$1.90 back?" asked Sharpener Hee. "I'm something of a fly guy—that is to say, a flyologist—and I can tell you right off how you can avoid having another speck of trouble with them."

"You're on," said Pluckem, eagerly, and handed back the \$1.90.

"You get a ladder," explained he, as he put on his hat, "and you climb up and catch 'em, one by one, and bring 'em down and let 'em singe 'em, 'em, 'em and singe 'em, and then you charge 'em each 40 for the haircut, 60 for the shave, 50 for the singe and 40 for the tonic, and the next day not one of 'em will come back."

And he stepped jauntily but rapidly out while Pluckem followed a cupful of lather in his chagrin.—Newark Call.

ELECTRICITY IN TIME OF WAR

Will Play Most Important Part, Either in Plans for Defensive or Offensive Weapons.

"In the plans for national defense no industry will play a more important part than the electrical industry," says Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the committee on production, organization, manufacture and standardization of the naval consulting board, in the Electrical World. "This industry lies at the very foundation of things military, both on land and on sea. In the event of war many of the great factories developed to produce electrical apparatus will be called on to concentrate on electrical machinery necessary in every branch of military service. Whether it be for wiring, for ignition apparatus, for aeroplanes, motor vehicles and mines, or for the delicate controlling apparatus of ships or for great plants for extracting nitrogen from the air, the electrical engineer and the electrical art will be of the most vital importance."

"There is no more important link in the chain of industrial machinery entering into the national defense than the great central stations upon which manufacturing companies are dependent for power, and the uninterrupted operation of these sources of electrical energy must be assured at all hazards, war as well as in times of peace. Telephone and telegraph are indispensable instruments in the program for successful defense of the country."

CAUSE OF HAIL EXPLAINED

Scientist Who Has Made Study of Subject Has Given His Deductions to the Public.

The formation of hail, according to the careful deductions of Rollo Russell, a scientist who made a special study of this subject, takes place in clouds which are commonly at an height, between 15,000 and 40,000 feet. The prominent conditions associated with the production of these clouds are the expansion and congelation of warm, moist air in a state of cyclonic whirl, combined with the sudden conglomeration of masses of air differing greatly in temperature and vapor tension. The snowflake or spicule which forms the nucleus of a hailstone originates in the uppermost cloud, and is electrified as a result of condensation. As it falls, particles of ice, or globules of water whose temperature is under the freezing point, attach themselves to the nucleus, grouping into concentric layers or in a stellate formation. The great variety in the shape of the hailstones is due to the variable force assumed by the primary kernel. Although associated with thunderstorms, there is no reason for regarding electricity as the primary agent in the production of hail; but it is when electrical storms are prevalent that the most ascending currents, loaded with hot and moist air, are projected into the cold upper strata of the atmosphere and electrical clouds are formed. Large hail is usually preceded by an unusual degree of heat.

Strange Motor Craft. Of all strange craft in the motor-boating field, one of the most unusual looking and at the same time unusual performing type is the viper, or sea sled. These blunt-nosed craft, slightly resembling a catamaran from a far-

ward view, that draw very little water and are driven by surface propeller—show remarkable speed and have been proved to be excellent in a sea-way. The government has recognized the sea-type and such craft have been delivered to both army and navy departments.

Until recently these craft were confined to open boats, but now they have been developed along cruiser lines and good accommodations are provided in the cabin forward, which is followed by the control cockpit, and then comes the motor compartment, while there is another cockpit aft of the motors. These cruisers have attained speeds far in excess of what their appearance would indicate.

Delivery Every Ten Years.

The announcement that the post office proposes to dispatch a mail to Tristan d'Acunha has caused considerable interest, for it is ten years since a mail was sent from this country. "The mail will be sent out to South Georgia by a whaler, and from there will be sent on to Tristan d'Acunha by a sailing ship," a post office official says. "I don't suppose the people there have the slightest knowledge of the great war. We understand that a company is about to exploit the island, and we hope that it will be possible in the future to send mails about once or twice a year." The island lies midway between South America and the Cape of Good Hope, and ten years ago the population was 75.

Father Hennepin Found Coal.

The earliest mention of coal in the territory which afterward became the United States is recorded in the Journal of Father Louis Hennepin, a French missionary, who in 1679 recorded the site of a "cole" mine in Illinois river, near the present City of Ottawa, Hennepin having passed through that region ten years before.

Young Diplomat.

Diplomatic little Helen was playing with her sister and cousin. The two girls had toys and Charlie, the cousin, much desired the possession of Helen's. This young lady, however, said in the most conciliatory manner: "Oh, you play with Annie. She's having the bestest time."

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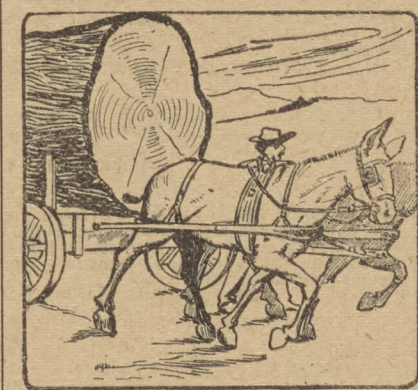
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Trains

OAKS.

The Civic League met in the Green Tree schoolhouse last Thursday evening and reorganized for the coming year. The following officers were elected: S. H. Youm, president; C. F. Moss, vice-president; Charles L. Campbell, secretary, and John U. Gottwals, treasurer. The dues or contributions were fixed at fifty cents a year. Committees were appointed to investigate the condition of the road crossing sign boards, the cost of having one room in the school building wired for electric lights, and a committee to secure new members. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Davis made some very interesting remarks about the schools and how to remedy some of the defects. The next meeting will be held at the same place on Tuesday evening, February 13th.

The meeting of the Literary Society last Friday evening was called off.

The firemen are busy preparing for their muster fair to be held every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evening commencing January 20th. The Oaks Military Band will furnish music every Saturday evening.

Mr. Francis, the roadmaster for this territory, is busy hauling slag on the roads while this nice weather lasts.

We hear rumors of a wedding in Oaks for this week.

The Civic League has received a communication from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company promising electric lights at their local station. This to be installed in the near future. They will also place a light at the corner of their grounds, doing away with a very dark spot.

The auditors of the Fire Company's accounts met at the home of Mr. Campbell on Wednesday evening.

The auditors of the Building and Loan Association met at the home of Mr. J. R. Davis on Tuesday evening. Both societies are in first-class condition, and the Building and Loan Association's report will be issued in the near future. Copies of this statement can be had from any of the directors or the writer of these notes.

All regular services at Green Tree next Sunday. Sunday school and preaching in the morning and young people's meeting and preaching in the evening. Special song service in the evenings. Everybody cordially invited to be present.

The New Year started off well at St. Paul's church. Services were splendidly attended. A Bible drill with questions and answers to the whole school has begun. This will help everyone and all should take advantage of this special instruction every Sunday afternoon at 2.15. The morning service with choir, at 11 o'clock for one hour, inspire attendance, real worship, and Bible readings.

Service will be held next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Audubon chapel. The Mite Society has invited Rev. Cresson to conduct this service and he has accepted. Rev. Cresson is always willing to co-operate in helping along Christian fellowship work.

The decorations and electrically lit Christmas tree at St. Paul's church will remain for inspection through Epiphany, which lasts this year for three more Sundays. Ash Wednesday comes on February 21st, and Easter Day on April 8th.

The girls and friends of the Junior Auxiliary will assist the Women's Guild in holding a dramatic entertainment at Oaks Fire Hall on Saturday evening, January 18th. Admission charges are moderate and everyone should be present and witness an entertainment given by all home talent. The excellent program to be rendered will include the one-act comedy "Sewing for the Heavens," in the presentation of which the following will participate as characters: Edna Gottwals, Edna Famous, Mary E. Beeler, Emily Milligan, Agnes Milligan, Mrs. John C. Dettra, Dorothy Davis, Evelyn Aubert, Florence Dettra, Ella Johnson, Jane Gottwals, Mary McFarland, Hannah Cox, Mrs. S. Lamkin, Carrie Lika, Sarah Cox, Alice Brown, Mrs. R. H. McFarlan, Lotie Brunner, Mrs. F. Weaver, Carrie Bowden, Mae McFarlan, Maurice Davis. There will be a piano solo by Misses Edna and Anna Gottwals, and a piano solo by Miss Florence Dettra. Don't miss this entertainment. All welcome; come!

Snapshots From Creamery and Skippack.

Newton, son of Peter Metz, is ill with pleurisy.

Frank Dengler, superintendent of the Perkiomen Dairymen's Association, fell out of the ice house, sustaining injuries that required medical treatment. John Kulp assisted at the creamery.

Geo. A. Reiff and Mrs. Percy Bean had attacks of indigestion.

Perry Bean has purchased the stock and fixtures in the Reliance grocery store and will start in business about February first.

Harrison Benner collided with a stone wall on the Skippack road, breaking the front axle of his auto.

Wm. E. Montague delivered an address on "Early Linen Weaving by the Pennsylvania Germans" in Trinity Reformed Church, Skippack, last Saturday evening. He showed samples of rare hand weaving.

Newton Heckler, a student in the Perkiomen School, spent the week end with his parents in Creamery.

COSTLY COATS.

An Indian prince after a court function in London went home for a chat with a friend; also an eastern potentate. On arriving he asked to be allowed to take off his dress coat and then that his friends' private secretary might put it in the safe for the night. It was a silk frock coat, buttercup yellow and heavy with jewels. "How much may you be worth with your coat on?" the prince was asked.

"About \$200,000," was the reply. "I'm a poor man beside you," said his friend sadly. "My dress coat is worth not much more than half that amount."

Fairview Village and Vicinity

The Fairview Village Assembly held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3, in the school building. January 3, 1917, marked the first anniversary of this Assembly and the president, Mr. Hale Wilson, gave an address, in which he summed up the efforts and accomplishments of the Assembly during its first year.

The Assembly took in nearly \$500 from collections during the year, which was used to buy a piano, chairs, platform and entertainment material. The first entertainment was given in February. Over two hundred people were present and the astonishing sum of seventy dollars was realized in the collection. The deep interest, the congeniality and liberality of the people at the first meeting of the Assembly showed that the success of the new organization, both socially and financially, was assured. Then there followed entertainments every month with increasing success, of which the minstrel show in April is most noteworthy. There was present on that night the record-breaking crowd of 425. A festival was held in June and was equally a success. The biggest event of the season was the Harvest Home outing held by the Assembly on August 15. The afternoon was characterized by an interesting game of baseball, and races and contests of speed and skill. Fifty dollars worth of prizes were awarded to the winners. Then the Assembly furnished supper for over three hundred people free of charge. In the evening there was shown in the school house six reels of moving pictures (one featuring Charlie Chaplin). In all about 550 people were on the school grounds that day. The agricultural display which the entertainment committee had arranged to hold was called off on account of an outbreak of diphtheria in the school. The last event of the season was the Christmas program, in which the work of the children predominated. A box of candy was given to all.

The meeting on January 3 was a business meeting and the election of officers was held. With a few exceptions the old officers were re-elected: President, Hale Wilson; Vice President, Harvey Plummer; Secretary, Frank Shaffer; Treasurer, John J. Hartman. The Entertainment Committee: David L. Truckess, chairman; Otto Reichenbach, Howard George, Paul Gavin and Sheller. Financial Committee: Horace Markley, chairman; Samuel Detwiler and Samuel Titlow. Saturday evening is the date for the next entertainment. The feature of the program will be a debate: Resolved, "That a woman with brains makes a better wife than a woman with beauty." Affirmative chief, Mr. Amos Schultz; negative chief, Mr. Harvey Plummer. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Port Providence Items.

Mr. Elwood Turner and family spent Sunday with the Joseph Jacobs family, of Mont Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buzzard spent Sunday afternoon in Harveyville.

Misses Clara and Sarah Hallman spent Sunday with Harry Detwiler and family.

Mr. Wm. Reifsnnyder and wife of Pottstown spent the week end with the McCord family.

Mrs. Geo. Force is recovering from a severe attack of grip.

John Rowland is recovering from a spell of sickness.

Mr. Augustus McCord, who was operated upon for a severe attack of appendicitis at the Phoenixville Hospital by Dr. Gottwals is recovering slowly.

Mr. Williams has moved into his cement block house erected by Geo. J. Hallman.

The Ladies' Improvement Association, of this place, will hold an oyster supper in the schoolhouse on Saturday evening, January 20, for the piano fund. Come one and all and help them along.

Mrs. John G. Detwiler and son Nelson of Yorkes, spent Thursday afternoon with Harry Detwiler and family.

Mrs. Joseph Jacobs, of Mont Clare, called on friends at this place on Thursday.

John G. Detwiler, Jr., is out again after a severe spell of tonsillitis.

JEFFERSON AS AN INVENTOR.

Not many people knew that Thomas Jefferson was a great inventor. His inventions were all of articles of everyday use. He devised a three legged folding camp stool that is the basis of all camp stools of that kind to-day. The stool he had made for his own use was his constant companion on occasions of outings. The revolving chair was his invention. He designed a light wagon. A copying press was devised by him and came into general use. He also invented an instrument for measuring the distance he walked. A plow and a hemp cultivator showed that his thoughts were often on agricultural matters. His plow received a gold medal in France in 1790. Jefferson never benefited specially by his inventions, but believed they should be for the use of every one without cost.

THEN THEY KNEW.

George and Ethel were married a few weeks ago and returned from their honeymoon to a ducky little villa garnished throughout with the usual valuable but useless silverware and jewelry which kind friends shower upon the newly married.

The day after their arrival two tickets for a west end theatre reached them, accompanied by a letter scented with the bearing the simple message: "Guess who sent them?" They found it impossible to identify the donor, but nevertheless decided to use them.

At the end of a pleasant evening they returned home to find the place stripped of everything. On the dining room table lay another little scented note bearing the legend, "Now you know!"—Pearson's.

IRONBRIDGE.

Mrs. M. T. Hunsicker is ill with rheumatism.

Henry Landis has rented part of Jacob Dize's double house and will take possession in the near future.

Misses Florence and Catharine Bonz and Elsie Warner, of Limerick, visited Misses Minnie and Clara Moyer on Sunday.

Harvey Moyer and family spent Sunday in Collegeville.

Mr. Wellington Oberholzer spent Sunday with his parents in Salfordville.

Mr. Alexander Ryback, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in the village.

HE UNDERSTOOD.

As the automobile that had hit him vanished in the distance the victim sat up and slowly rubbed his head.

"The city should build crossings below grades for pedestrians," he said.

"These streets really aren't safe for automobile drivers any more. Every time they drive fast they hit someone, and lots of foolish people cross the streets diagonally, as I did, instead of at the crossings."

Then he sank back and let the ambulance take him away. He was an automobile owner himself.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

SYMPATHY WITH NATURE.

'Tis an evidence of how directly we are related to nature that we more or less sympathize with the weather and take on the color of the day. Goethe said he worked easiest on a high barometer. One is like a chimney that draws well on others, and won't draw at all on others, and the secret is mainly in the condition of the atmosphere. Anything positive and decided with the weather is a good omen. A pouring rain may be more auspicious than a sleeping sunshine. When the stove draws well the fogs and fumes will leave your mind.—John Burroughs.

OLD TREE STILL PRODUCTIVE

Planted by Governor Endicott Nearly Three Centuries Ago, It Bears Yearly Crop of Fine Fruit.

Thought to be the oldest fruit tree in this country, the pear tree planted 220 years ago by Governor Endicott of Massachusetts is still thriving well and bearing a yearly crop of fruit of the first quality. John Endicott purchased a large tract of land at Danversport, then known as the southern section of Salem village. The estate afterward became known as the Endicott plantation. Governor Endicott, being a great lover of sugar pears, sent to a relative in Dorchester, England, for a pear tree, and at that time few people ever believed that the tree would live, as the soil was so poor and dry. The governor, believing that he, better than anyone else, was the proper man to plant the tree, journeyed to the plantation and there, in a sheltered spot close to the Danvers river, dug a hole and carefully planted it. For many years it grew but it did not bear, and it was not long before it became one of the most famous of all fruit trees of Massachusetts. This year it is estimated that there were close to 3,000 pears on the tree. Few people who visited Danvers missed the opportunity of seeing this wonderful tree, which was carefully guarded by a picket fence. The tree is made up of three distinct trunks, which are partially decayed, although the upper section of the tree is quite healthy in appearance. Endicott himself used to relate that the tree supplied a sufficient number of pears to supply the entire Salem village, which in those days numbered less than one hundred inhabitants. When Governor Endicott died in the year 1685 special mention was made in his will in regard to the famous tree, which was left in care of his daughter.

GOES FAR BACK IN HISTORY

Nippur Tablet, Recently Discovered and Translated, Has Brought Joy to Archeologists.

A Sumerian epic that tells the story of the reconstruction of civilization after the deluge has been discovered on a tablet in the Nippur tablets in the University of Pennsylvania museum. Announcement of the discovery and the completion of the translation of the epic has just been made by Dr. Stephen H. Langdon, Sumerian scholar and assistant curator of the University Museum. According to Dr. Langdon, the tablet tells the story of the reconstruction of civilization after the deluge, the fall of man and the flood, and is a sequel to the Sumerian epic which he translated a year ago. The fragment which contains the latest history is four and one-half inches long and one inch thick. It contains about 300 lines of inscriptions. It dates from about 2250 B. C., and hence represents a literature older than that of the Babylonians and the Chaldeans. "The boat or ark is mentioned," Dr. Langdon announces, "as well as Lohman, the god of the deluge. It describes the regeneration of the ancient land of Sumeria at the hands of the god of wisdom, who decreed that it should be the center of civilization."

Not At All Likely.

"Do you think the day of the man who was lynched will win her damage suit against the mob?"

"I reckon not," replied Mr. Gar Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "When a lady loses the kind of a husband that a mob would nacherly lynch, she hasn't lost anything. And when a great prominent citizen takes time from their own business to lynch a cuss just b'cuz he needs it, it ain't reasonable to expect 'em to pay for the privilege of doing the community a favor. That's the general sentiment of the voters in this neck of the woods, and I reckon your jury, being mostly candidates for some thing now or in the future, will promptly decide to make it unannounced."—Kansas City Star.

Both Worn Out.

Walter Whitman, an employee of the Adams Express company in Columbus, Ind., was unloading a cart consigned from Columbus to Indianapolis, when the calf showed a disposition to ramble. It rambled all around, in and out of town, and White man had to forsake his other duties and follow after. The chase continued from four o'clock in the afternoon until about ten o'clock at night, when it was a draw between the calf and Whitman. At that hour Whitman walked up to the calf and the animal accompanied him back to the Pennsylvania line's station without further protest.

OLDEST BANK IN THE WORLD.

It is thought that the oldest bank in the world is the Palazzo San Giorgio, on the Piazza Caricamento, in Genoa. This institution has played a prominent role in the history of the Italian city. It was built in the year 1210 by order of Guglielmo Boccanegra, "Captain" of the republic of Genoa, and after serving as his residence was the headquarters of the famous company and bank of St. George.

It is held that the modern system of banking sprang from this historic edifice and that the Societa Delle Compre di San Giorgio was the first "limited liability company." The architect of the building was a monk named Oliviero. Although its architecture has undergone a number of changes, the facade still speaks eloquently of the thirteenth century. Its arcades with pointed arches and its windows formed of little columns are exceedingly attractive.—Washington Star.

HOW THE WORLD IS FED.

"A study of how the world is fed reveals many interesting facts. Australia, the smallest of continents, for instance, is the largest meat eater of them all. Asia, the largest continent, on the other hand, is the smallest meat eater among them. Africa and South America lean toward vegetarianism, while Europe and North America are large consumers of meat and other animal products. Taking the world's supply of cattle, hogs and sheep," writes Harold J. Shepherson in the Millgate Monthly, "it appears that mankind at large uses in the neighborhood of 20,000,000 tons of meat a year. This would be an average of about thirty-nine pounds per capita throughout the world. In butcher's meat we find the Australian consumes 192 pounds, the American 172 pounds, the Englishman 119 pounds, the German 113 pounds, the Frenchman and the Belgian 80 pounds, the Austro-Hungarian 64 pounds, the Russian 50 pounds and the Spaniard 49 pounds."

MONEY MARK TWAIN REFUSED.

By the time that Mark Twain had finally succeeded in paying off the burden of debt that had fallen upon him with the failure of his publishing venture he found himself one of the best paid authors in the world. He refused many offers of money that did not agree with his literary conscience. He declined \$10,000 for a tobacco indorsement, though he liked the tobacco well enough. He declined \$10,000 a year for five years to lend his name as editor to a humorous periodical. He declined another \$10,000 for ten lectures and another for fifty lectures at the same rate—that is, \$1000 a night. And he was offered \$1 a word for his writing, which he also declined, making a fine arrangement with his regular publishers that they should print whatever he wrote, the payment being 20 (later 30) cents a word.—"Boys' Life of Mark Twain" in St. Nicholas.

FOR SALE—A lot of shoats, weighing about 80 pounds each. Apply to PLUSH BROTHERS, Arcola, Pa.

FOR SALE—Large refrigerator Poland China seed box. Payers 40 with E. D. YOCUM, Oaks, Pa.

FOR SALE—An incubator, 300 eggs capacity. Also a hand feed cutter. Apply GEO. W. EATON, Collegeville, Pa.

FOR GREATER PROFIT from your laying hens and growing chickens, attention to every detail. See Food Dealers and at General Stores 8-10 LANDES BROS. Yorkes, Pa.

FOR RENT—Farm of 38 acres and ten house, near Yorkes. Running water at house and barn. Large modern chicken house. Must be well recommended. Call on or address WALTER Q. THOMAS, Falls Road, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Men and young men wanted for the AMERICAN ASBESTOS CO., Norristown, Pa.

PROPOSALS—Bids will be received by the Controller of Montgomery County at his office in the Court House, Norristown, Pa., until 11 o'clock a. m., January 26, 1917, for the construction of a one-span concrete bridge over the Schuylkill canal at Mont Clare, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

NOTICE—The Board of Directors of the Montgomery Transit Company has called a special meeting of the stockholders at the office of the company, to be held at 230 Dekalb Street, Norristown, Pa., on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1917, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of voting for or against an increase of the capital stock and indorsement of said company. DANIEL M. ANDERS, Secretary Montgomery Transit Co.

THE first sneeze is the danger signal. Time to take—

HILL'S CASCARA QUININE

The old family remedy in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opium, no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on 75-cent box. At Any Drug Store

Mention the INDEPENDENT when answering this advertisement.

COLONIAL RUGS AND RAG CARPET WOVEN TO ORDER.

All grades of old discarded carpets woven into new rugs.

Carpet, Rugs, and Hall Runners for sale. Highest price paid for carpet balls.

P. FAHY, 510 Green St., Norristown, Pa.

Philadelphia Market Report.

Wheat \$1.84 to \$1.99.
Corn \$1.06 to \$1.12.
Oats 58 to 65c.
Brass, per ton . . . \$30.00 to \$34.50.
Baled hay \$13.00 to \$15.50.
Flat cows \$4.75 to \$7.00.
Milch cows \$4.50 to \$8.50.
Steers \$8.00 to \$10.50.
Sheep and lamb . . \$5.00 to \$14.25.
Hogs \$12.00 to \$15.00.
Live poultry 14 to 28c.
Dressed poultry . . 17 to 33c.
Butter 28 to 40c.
Eggs 58 to 65c.

STATE ISSUE 394,688 AUTO LICENSES IN 1916.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 8.—Almost 400,000 automobile licenses of all classes were issued by the automobile division of the State highway department during 1916.

Figures on the books of Registrar Bruster show there were 316,275 paid licenses and 1,139 issued free. Besides these, 77,160 non-paid drivers' licenses and sixty non-paid tractor drivers' licenses were issued. These are also in the free class, the only expense being the notary's affidavit. The grand total is 394,688. Transfers numbered 16,987 in the paid class and twenty-two in the free class, the transfer figures being in addition to the 394,688 licenses actually issued.

Receipts for licenses for 1916 continued right up to the close of business December 30, the last business day of the year. The receipts that day were \$1, the fee for a transfer. It boosted the year's total to the record of \$2,325,057.50.

The big end of the business, of course, was in licensing pneumatic-tired vehicles, there being more than 219,000 such cards and tags sent out.

Pennsylvania ranks seventh in the value of its farm crops, leads all States in buckwheat production, is second in hay and apple production and third in wheat, rye and potatoes.

PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1917, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, one carload of fresh cows from Centre county will have a lot of well selected milk and butter producers—cows of various breeds, including Jersey, Ayrshire, Friesian, etc. The kind of cows you are always looking for. Come and see them and put in your bids. Sale at 10 o'clock. Conditions by W. MITTERLING, L. H. Ingram, Auctioneer. J. J. Hartman, Clerk.

REGISTERED HERD SIRE—TIDY ABBERK KEX.

HOLSTEIN—FRIESIAN.

Dam's Record: 7 days—32.28 lbs. butter; 717.8 lbs. milk. 30 days—133.96 lbs. butter; 3123.6 lbs. milk. Send for sales list.

STUART H. HEIST, CENTRE SQUARE, PA.

Greenfield Farms, 4-27.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO HORSE BREEDERS.—Percheron Percheron Stallion, MEDIUM. Registry No. 55333. Percheron Society of America. Decree No. 100. Gray. 17 hands. 1500 lbs. weight. Terms, \$5.00 at service. Breeders should see the best sire available. Look at this one. He is a great horse. WM. KOLB, JR., Port Providence, Pa.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Collegeville National Bank, at Collegeville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business on December 27, 1916.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts \$28,131.73
Overdrafts, unsecured 4.53
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 50,000.00
Securities deposited to secure circulation (not including stocks) owned unpledged 126,776.26
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent. of subscription) 2,250.00
Value of banking house (if unincumbered) 9,100.00
Furniture and fixtures 4,000.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis \$1,139.77
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities 23,550.80
Net amount due from banks and bankers (not including above) 3,529.21
Fractional currency, nickels and cents 599.75
Notes of other national banks 135.00
Federal reserve notes 1,856.90
Lawful reserve in vault with Federal Reserve Bank 3,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer 3,500.00
Total \$44,439.57

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00
Surplus fund 25,000.00
Undivided profits \$22,013.90
Less current expenses 6,000.00
Interest and taxes paid 18,824.40
Circulating notes outstanding 49,000.00
Due to banks and bankers 547.96
Demand deposits—individual deposits subject to check 126,255.97
Cashier's checks outstanding 1,475.73
Deposits requiring notice but less than 30 days 26,708.47
Total demand deposits \$155,140.17
Certificates of deposit 28,190.04
Other time deposits 131,100.00
Total time deposits \$189,290.04
Total \$44,439.57

State of Pennsylvania, County of Montgomery.

J. W. D. Renninger, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. D. RENNINGER, Cashier.
Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 2nd day of January, 1917.

K. VANDERSLICE, Notary Public.
My commission expires Feb. 21, 1919.

Correct—Attest:

FRANK W. GRISTOCK, A. D. FETTERLOP, F. E. STEINER, Directors.

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LOUD THE CRY!

TWO THINGS WANTED NOW! A thirty or forty-acre farm near the Reading Transit and Light Co.'s trolley line from Norristown to Pottstown.

A chicken farm for a poultry man with an option to buy.

There are worse ones for sale \$2000. 2-acre lot in upper Trappe for \$800. 10-acre farm near Collegeville for \$12,000. 15-acre farm near Limerick for \$8000.

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NOTICE.—To the heirs of Abraham Berger, or Berger, deceased, and to the heirs of Jesse Pannabecker, deceased, their heirs and legal representatives: Take notice, that on the 25th day of December, 1916, was presented in the Orphans' Court of Montgomery county the petition of Francis W. Witham, setting forth that on November 18, 1816, there was created upon certain real estate, consisting of a tract of 10 acres and 80 perches in Limerick township, fully described in deed No. 145, page 18, and also in the petition filed in this proceeding in said Court, of which the petitioner owns a part, a dower fund of \$1000 in favor of the heirs of Abraham Berger, or Berger, deceased, by an instrument of Jesse Pannabecker, deceased, there was created upon the same tract of land above mentioned, a dower fund of \$2000, payable to the heirs of Jesse Pannabecker, deceased; that there are no releases, judgments or account of either principal or interest has been made within the period of 31 years by your petitioner, or any of her predecessors in title, upon either of said dower funds, and the legal presumption of payment has long since arisen, nor has there been a demand made for the payment of the same within said period; and praying the Court to order the satisfaction, extinguishment or discharge of the said dower charges. Whereupon the Court directed notice of said petition to be served in accordance with the law, upon the parties above named, or their heirs and legal representatives, requiring them to appear in said Court on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1917, to answer said petition, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

LOUIS A. NAGLE, Sheriff. Evans, High, Dettra and Swartz.

An Explanation of the Intricacies of Foreign Exchange

is given in a simple and easily understood way in a pamphlet we have just prepared (T. 9.) This pamphlet gives the theoretical side of foreign exchange, the practical side in detail, and tables indicating the possible profits, on account of the present rates of exchange, that may be obtained by investing the recent loans of the nations now at war.

DAVID A. STORER, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.